

St.Mary, Alderley



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Rector Writes

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Five months ago the world changed and two months ago the church began meeting again for Sunday worship. Suffering and grief have become openly our immediate, shared experience, and mortality's delusions have been stripped away. In many quarters, people are saying: 'After all that we have been through, we can't go back to how we were before'. That came home to me in July, as I took Sunday services once again.

Recently, Archdeacon Ian said to me that he wants to have clarity about possible pastoral reorganisation for our benefice in Spring 2021, a year ahead of my departure in early Summer 2022. He wants to sit down with both PCCs in Spring next year, to talk about the realities of the situation and agree a course that we can all plan for, so that when I leave, everything will be in place for the change. If we are to separate, let us make it a gentle and gracious divorce. And if we are to stay together, let us be gracious and gentle with each other in the future. I know that each parish church wants to fight its corner, but, together, our two churches have a Christian duty to witness not to fighting, but to the reconciling love of God in Jesus Christ. In this poisoned, hurting world we - the church in this benefice of Alderley & Birtles - are the Body of Christ. We hurt too, but if we are in Christ, our hurting will not define us, and we will be a source of healing, charity, forgiveness, love.

Peace-making is a Christian ministry that we are all called to. It is not our church. St.Mary's Church is not our church to defend. St.Catherine's Church is not our church to defend. It is God's church, and it does not need defending. Defensiveness will not lead us to know God's ways. 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you'. Matthew 6: 33.

Public worship in a time of pandemic

The rules of pandemic that govern our lives are changing all the time. This is true of the rules for public worship, as for all other areas of life. We pray that, as we abide by the rules, our nation may gradually be freed to live normally again.

At mid-August, at the time of writing, the rules for public worship are:

- The law now requires that you wear a face mask in church except when you receive Holy Communion.
- Social distancing of 2 metres at all times please.
- Hand sanitiser is provided in church: please use it.
- When you arrive, please give your name and contact details in case of subsequent need to 'test and trace'.
- Singing may not take place, because singing can spread the virus.
- Sit in alternate pews please, as guided by sidesmen and sidewomen, to maintain 2 metres distance in front of you and behind you.
- The lavatories in the Parish Hall may remain unavailable, depending on the risk assessment undertaken by Nether Alderley Parish Council.

Services

6th Sept (Trinity 13)	9.45am Holy Communion (BCP)
13th Sept (Trinity 14)	9.45am Family Service (CW)
20th Sept (Trinity 15)	9.45am Holy Communion (CW)
27th Sept (Trinity 16)	9.45am Harvest Festival (CW)

BCP is Book of Common Prayer. CW is Common Worship.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Burials of cremated remains in St.Mary's Churchyard

Tessa Jane HOWGATE, on 21st July

Florence Audrey LAUGHTON and John Montague LAUGHTON, on 4th August.

Oasis - all plans on hold

Sadly Covid 19 has had a massive impact on the Oasis Centre which has been closed since March, although emergency issues and food parcels etc continue to be dealt with by the core team. There is currently no storage available for second hand goods for the shop (although the Woolleys were told that bedding was needed and managed to deliver that last month).

Building work on the new premises has been delayed and the opening has - again - been postponed, now until 2021. I know Oasis is very grateful for St Mary's goods, so if you have these please hold on to them at present as they WILL be wanted at a later date. Thank you.

Lesley Marsh. 4.8.20

Coronavirus: lament, thanksgiving, and rededication to the values of the Kingdom of God

At the beginning of August, a month after public worship restarted, the Family Service at both churches in the benefice was an opportunity for lament, thanksgiving, and rededication to the values of the Kingdom of God. We used resources provided by the Church of England's Coronavirus webpage.

We acknowledged that few communities have been unaffected by loss, illness and death: fear and anxiety have been prevalent in households and communities. We said Psalm 130 together and we listened to Jeremiah 8: 18 – 9: 1. We prayed: Lord Jesus Christ, may the tears shed in your earthly life be balm for all who weep, and may the prayers of your pilgrimage give strength to all who suffer; for your mercy's sake. Amen.

In Thanksgiving, we heard Matthew 25: 31-46 and we acknowledged our debt to the many people who had gone beyond the call of duty in the pandemic – many of them losing their life as they did so. We have seen heroism and self-giving of the Christian model, although many who have done so will not have called themselves Christian. We acknowledged that although our Lord's call is clear to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger and clothe the naked, we do not always respond, and so Absolution was given.

In Rededication, we read Isaiah 61: 1-3 together as if it was a Psalm and we heard read the Beatitudes from Matthew 5: 3-12. The values of the Kingdom of God as expressed in the Beatitudes are sometimes unfashionable, and some of them are specific to particular circumstances. Nevertheless, we understand the values of humility, peace-making and serving those in need, and, in Christ, these are part of our Christian identity.

The Reverend Jon Hale

NETHER ALDERLEY 200 CLUB

Latest draw winners

1 st prize	Marie Stonehewer
2 nd prize	Juliana Maynard
3 rd prize	Joyce Davis

TONGUE IN CHEEK!

Next week's leaked Covid-19 guidance

You can meet with another person from outside your family with an A or R in their name, unless it's Wednesday.

Family members are fine, unless it's the third Monday after Pancake Tuesday.

People under 5ft 11 aren't allowed in pubs and restaurants, unless they have brown hair.

Cat owners are exempt from all of the above, unless their cat is ginger, obviously.

KNOW YOUR HYMNS

Dentist's Hymn..... Crown Him with many Crowns

Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation

The Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy

The Painter's HymnHow Great, thou Art

The Golfer's Hymn.....There is a Green Hill far away

Optometrist's Hymn.....Open my Eyes that I might See

The Electrician's Hymn.....Lead kindly Light

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SUNDAY SERVICES

1st Sun (Book of Common Prayer) Holy Communion

3rd Sunday (Common Worship) Holy Communion

2nd & 4th Sunday Family Service)

5th Sunday Common Worship (Holy Communion)

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Mrs Jenny Youatt (01625) 585226 *email: info@stmarysaldlerley.com*

Organist:

St. Mary's is currently without a regular organist. The Church is grateful to the many organists who have been playing service by service since August 2017

The Church Choir:

all services are currently said because of Coronavirus regulations

Church Flower Rota

Mrs Avril Lamond (01625) 583985
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Captain of the Tower: (*Practice 7.30pm Tuesdays*)

Mr Peter Robinson 1, Drumblefield, Chelford (01625) 860679
email: peterfiona@hotmail.co.uk

Prayer Book Society Representative

Mrs Anne Dodd Long Spinney, Sand Lane, NA (01625) 583613

Mothers' Union

Mrs Anne Cockburn (*3rd Wednesday at 2.00 pm*) (01625) 585242
(*committee member*)

Parish Hall Bookings

Keith Farrell, Wyche Barn, Nursery Lane, 07939 671344
Nether Alderley. SK10 4TX

Parish Hall Costs:

£15 per hour - minimum 2 hours

Burial Board: (*Clerk*)

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